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**System and Method for Collecting and Restoring
User Environment Data Using Removable Storage**

ABSTRACT

5 A data collection program collects data from a user's
workstation and captures the user environment data, including
user settings and program application data. The user
environment data is stored on a removable nonvolatile storage
media for duplication processing. The stored user environment
10 data is processed by a duplication process to duplicate the user
environment data from the old workstation onto a new workstation
or for recovery from a catastrophic system failure. A variety
of user environment settings, not traditionally captured and
restored by traditional backup software, are captured and
15 restored. For example, licensing information and application
personality data is identified, stored, and recovered along with
other user-specific information such as hostnames, IP addresses,
and the like.